

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6648

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING A CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Whenever a police officer
- 2 arrests a person with no prior arrest record whom the officer
- 3 reasonably believes has psychiatric disabilities, the officer shall cause
- 4 such person to be taken to a hospital or other facility for the
- 5 performance of a clinical assessment of such person and a
- 6 determination of whether such person would benefit from mental
- 7 health services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1 October 1, 2011 New section

Statement of Purpose:

To assess the potential for recidivism among first-time offenders.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]